

Horseman nets 250th goal

Wanderers' breakaway goal sinks Bromley

BROMLEY 0, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

WYCOMBE WANDERERS, challenging strongly for Isthmian League honours this season, dominated the first 20 minutes of Saturday's Isthmian League game at Hayes Lane. But Bromley took up the running in the second half and were unlucky to lose to a 65th-minute goal scored against the run of play.

The goal was a result of a rare error by goalkeeper Peter Higgins, who dropped the ball allowing Wycombe's international inside left Tony Horseman to slam his 250th goal for the club.

So the good work in defence of Pat Brown, Kevin Sheehan and Colin Brown, who was making his debut, was wasted.

Sheehan had subdued Wycombe's brilliant winger Len Worley for long periods, although Worley almost scored on two occasions.

Team manager Micky Acland told Tait to help Sheehan mark Worley and this worked out well—except that it meant Bromley sometimes had only two strikers instead of three.

POOR SUPPORT

Stonebridge, moved up from midfield in a 4-3-3 formation, lacked support. He went close three times but was a little slow off the mark. Indeed, this has been the trouble with all the Bromley forwards this season.

Bromley, out to gain revenge over Wycombe for a previous

league defeat this season, had feared that the game would be called off on Friday, when the pitch was covered by four inches of snow. But they cleared it by Friday evening and produced the best conditions for a month.

Although Wycombe dominated the early stage the two best chances fell to Bromley. But Tait, preferred to Clements and Amato, failed to dribble round keeper Maskell, and then three Bromley forwards missed a centre from Bridge.

Lowly Bromley were showing more confidence. But the fact remains that they are now without a win in their last four games.

After Tait had tested Maskell, Wycombe hit back and Higgins clawed down a shot from Samuels following an error by Bonney.

Sheehan was containing Worley better than many previous Bromley full backs, but in the 37th minute Worley shook him off and fired only inches wide. Then Baker hammered in a long range effort that flashed past a post.

Wycombe centre half Ian Rundle carried on after hurting his ankle

in a clash with Tait, but was limping slightly. He was beaten by Coppin soon afterwards, and from Coppin's pass Tait almost deceived Maskell with a back-heel flick.

The Wycombe attacks were now less frequent although Worley and Baker went close.

Tait, Coppin and Stonebridge all forced Maskell to save hard shots, but Wycombe then broke out of defence and snatched the lead.

POINT-BLANK

Slater sent over a well placed corner and the ball went through Higgins' hands straight to Horseman, who had only to slam it in from point-blank range. It was his 23rd goal this season.

Bromley.—Higgins, Bridge, Sheehan, Bonney, Brown (P.), Brown (C.), Stonebridge, Wigham, Coppin, Jones, Tait.

Wycombe Wanderers.—Maskell, Temel, Gale, Lailey, Rundle, Thomas, Worley, Baker, Samuels, Horseman, Slater.

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